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APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	CMTE REFERRED	DATE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	CMTE REPORT FILED	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
35GL-19-0086	Melanie W. Brennan	Director	Department of Youth Affairs	1/28/19	To serve at the pleasure of the Governor	Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens	1/31/19	2/12/19 9:00 a.m.	2/15/19 3:41 p.m.		



The Office of Senator Amanda L. Shelton

Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman

Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Amanda L. Shelton
Acting Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña Guam, 96910

VIA: The Honorable Amanda L. Shelton
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Melanie W. Brennan

Håfa Adai Speaker Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Melanie W. Brennan to serve as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs, and which was referred to the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO CONFIRM
<u>0</u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u>0</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
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Sincerely,

Senator Amanda L. Shelton

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35th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Melanie W. Brennan

As a Director of Department of Youth
Affairs at the pleasure of the Governor of
Guam





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Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

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35th Guam Legislature

February 12, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

From: **Senator Amanda L. Shelton** 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on the Appointment of Melanie W. Brennan**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Melanie Brennan to serve as a Director of the Department of Youth Affairs

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Related News Reports

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!



Senator Amanda L. Shelton,
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,
Member

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson,
Member

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January 31, 2019

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature
Attorney Julian Aguon
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Appointment**

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: **Melanie W. Brennan**
Position: **Director, Department of Youth Affairs**
Term Length: **To serve at the pleasure of the Governor**

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at http://guamlegislature.com/35th_mess_comms.htm. Please refer to the following document:

"35GL-19-0086- Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Melanie W. Brennan, Director, Department of Youth Affairs."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to **Senator Amanda Lee Shelton, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Senator Régine Biscoe Lee.

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÄHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 28, 2019

Honorable Tina Muna Barnes
Speaker
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Speaker Tina Muna Barnes
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DATE: 1/31/19
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Re: Appointment, Department of Youth Affairs

Dear Madam Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE: Melanie W. Brennan
POSITION: Director, Department of Youth Affairs
TERM LENGTH: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor

The appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'Hagan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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January 21, 2019

Melanie W. Brennan

Re: APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR

Dear Ms. Brennan:

Pursuant to my authority under 48 U.S.C. § 1422 and due to the circumstances surrounding the Council of Youth Affairs, I am appointing you to serve as

Director, Department of Youth Affairs

Appointing you to this position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform which will place many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities, which will be further described by the Council of Youth Affairs shall be significant and consequential. I trust that you will fulfill your duties and set a standard for others to follow.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

This appointment is effective January 21, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Office.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lou L. Guerrero', is written over the typed name.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'Hagan Gudhan
Governor of Guam

CC: Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'láhi*
Tina Muna Barnes, Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM
Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet**

The following information is required for submission to the
Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name BRENNAN	First Name Melanie	Middle Initial W
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit #
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Director, Department of Youth Affairs		
Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If no, are you authorized to work in the United States? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
High School Notre Dame High School Talofofo, Guam	1977 - 1980	High School Diploma	1980
College Seattle University, WA University of Hawaii, Hawaii	1980 - 1984	BA	1984
Graduate School University of Guam	2000 - 2002	MPA	2002
Other Degree			

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Judiciary of Guam Government of Guam Hagatna, Guam	Position Title Chief Probation Officer
	Dates Held 5/2017 - 1/18/19

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Judiciary of Guam Government of Guam	Position Title Deputy Chief Probation Officer
	Dates Held 11/11 - 5/2017

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Judiciary of Guam Government of Guam	Position Title Probation Officer Supervisor
	Dates Held 4/1995 - 11/2011

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Judiciary of Guam Government of Guam	Position Title Probation Officer III
	Dates Held 9/1991 - 4/1995

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name		Position Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

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PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency or Department Name Dept. of Public Health & Social Services, APS		Position Title Social Worker III
Address Dededo, Guam	Phone No.	Dates Held 12/1989 - 9/1991

Agency or Department Name Dept. of Public Health, Adoption & Custody		Position Title Social Worker II
Address Agana, Guam	Phone No.	Dates Held 1988 - 1989

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Effective Leadership Training for Systems Change	6/2018
Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth Master Trainer	2016
Effective Practices in Community Supervision	2018
Ohio Risk Assessment System	2017

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
Excellence in Leadership & Certificate of Appreciation March 2018 from Chief Justice Katherine Maraman

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
American Probation and Parole Association Regional Representative Member, Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan Executive Committee

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COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

POST Instructor, Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professionals
Participant/Committee Member & Co-Chair, Relay for Life

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

Presenter Pre-trial Justice/Reform, Pacific Judicial Council, 2017

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes No If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

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(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes No If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

Yes No

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

Yes No If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

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AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

Melanie Brennan

Print Name and Signature

25 Jan 19

Date

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**Government of Guam
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION
P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921**



January 3, 2019

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Melanie W. BRENNAN		
DATE OF BIRTH:	██████████	FINGERPRINT#:	██████████
■	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in GPD files that are subject to Guam law and rules and regulations of the Department.		

*******NOTHING FOLLOWS*******

THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

By Direction: priscilla

JOSEPH L. CRUZ
Chief of Police

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Fax (671) 472-2856

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Courts

Name: **MELANIE W BRENNAN**

SS#: ID# **GDL#:** [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

Criminal Cases:

- A. No Case Found
- B: 1. Criminal Case No.
- 2. Criminal Case No.
- 3. Criminal Case No.
- 4. Criminal Case No.
- 5. Criminal Case No.

Civil Cases:

- A. [] No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.
- 2. Civil Case No.
- 3. Civil Case No.
- 4. Civil Case No.
- 5. Civil Case No.

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Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: **01/03/2019**

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Courts

BY:  **JESSE M. LEFEVER**
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **JML**



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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing - Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Office of Senator Shelton Guam Legislature <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 4:19 PM

February 5, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary and Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

Subject: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing - Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Håfa Adai!

Please be advised that the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens will convene a public hearing on **Tuesday February 12, 2019** beginning at **9:00AM** in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room (Guam Congress Building, *Hagåtña*).

On the agenda are the following items:

9:00AM

- **Public Hearing on Bill No. 13-35 (COR)** - Amanda Shelton / Therese M. Terlaje / Tina Rose Muña-Barnes / Régine Biscoe Lee / J. "Pedo" Terlaje / Telen Cruz Nelson

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 32 TO TITLE 9, GCA, RELATIVE TO PROTECTING ELDERLY ADULTS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION BY PROVIDING CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT TO THOSE WHO WOULD HARM OUR MANÅMKO' AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

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We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse




John Paul Manuel

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing - Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Office of Senator Shelton Guam Legislature <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org> Fri, Feb 8, 2019 at 8:53 AM
Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

February 8, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary and Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

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I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan
35th Guam Legislature

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Amanda L. Shelton
Acting Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guahan
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña Guam, 96910

VIA: The Honorable Amanda L. Shelton
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Melanie W. Brennan

Håfa Adai Speaker Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Melanie W. Brennan to serve as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs, and which was referred to the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO CONFIRM
<u>0</u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
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Sincerely,

Senator Amanda L. Shelton

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Melanie W. Brennan

As a Director of Department of Youth
Affairs at the pleasure of the Governor of
Guam





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35th Guam Legislature

February 12, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Melanie W. Brennan

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Melanie Brennan to serve as a Director of the Department of Youth Affairs

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Related News Reports

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!



Senator Amanda L. Shelton,
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Member

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January 31, 2019

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature
Attorney Julian Aguon
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Appointment**

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: **Melanie W. Brennan**
Position: **Director, Department of Youth Affairs**
Term Length: **To serve at the pleasure of the Governor**

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at http://guamlegislature.com/35th_mess_comms.htm. Please refer to the following document:

"35GL-19-0086- Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Melanie W. Brennan, Director, Department of Youth Affairs."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to **Senator Amanda Lee Shelton, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,


Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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January 28, 2019

Honorable Tina Muna Barnes
Speaker
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Re: Appointment, Department of Youth Affairs

Dear Madam Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE: Melanie W. Brennan
POSITION: Director, Department of Youth Affairs
TERM LENGTH: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor

The appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'Hagan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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January 21, 2019

Melanie W. Brennan
[REDACTED]

Re: APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR

Dear Ms. Brennan:

Pursuant to my authority under 48 U.S.C. § 1422 and due to the circumstances surrounding the Council of Youth Affairs, I am appointing you to serve as

Director, Department of Youth Affairs

Appointing you to this position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform which will place many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities, which will be further described by the Council of Youth Affairs shall be significant and consequential. I trust that you will fulfill your duties and set a standard for others to follow.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

This appointment is effective January 21, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Office.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lou L. Guerrero'.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'Hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

CC: Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhi*
Tina Muna Barnes, Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM
Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

The following information is required for submission to the
Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name BRENNAN	First Name Melanie	Middle Initial W
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit #
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Director, Department of Youth Affairs		
Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If no, are you authorized to work in the United States? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
High School Notre Dame High School Talofofo, Guam	1977 - 1980	High School Diploma	1980
College Seattle University, WA University of Hawaii, Hawaii	1980 - 1984	BA	1984
Graduate School University of Guam	2000 - 2002	MPA	2002
Other Degree			

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Judiciary of Guam Government of Guam Hagatna, Guam	Position Title Chief Probation Officer
	Dates Held 5/2017 - 1/18/19

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Judiciary of Guam Government of Guam	Position Title Deputy Chief Probation Officer
	Dates Held 11/11 - 5/2017

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Judiciary of Guam Government of Guam	Position Title Probation Officer Supervisor
	Dates Held 4/1995 - 11/2011

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Judiciary of Guam Government of Guam	Position Title Probation Officer III
	Dates Held 9/1991 - 4/1995

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name		Position Title
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PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency or Department Name Dept. of Public Health & Social Services, APS		Position Title Social Worker III	
Address Dededo, Guam	Phone No.	Dates Held 12/1989 - 9/1991	

Agency or Department Name Dept. of Public Health, Adoption & Custody		Position Title Social Worker II	
Address Agana, Guam	Phone No.	Dates Held 1988 - 1989	

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Effective Leadership Training for Systems Change	6/2018
Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth Master Trainer	2016
Effective Practices in Community Supervision	2018
Ohio Risk Assessment System	2017

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
Excellence in Leadership & Certificate of Appreciation March 2018 from Chief Justice Katherine Maraman

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
American Probation and Parole Association Regional Representative Member, Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan Executive Committee

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COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

<i>List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
POST Instructor, Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professionals Participant/Committee Member & Co-Chair, Relay for Life

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<i>List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:</i>
Presenter Pre-trial Justice/Reform, Pacific Judicial Council, 2017

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes No If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

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(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes No If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

Yes No

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

Yes No If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

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AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

Melvin D. Brennan
Print Name and Signature

25 Jan 19
Date

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GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921**



January 3, 2019

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Melanie W. BRENNAN		
DATE OF BIRTH:	██████████	FINGERPRINT#:	██████████
■	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in GPD files that are subject to Guam law and rules and regulations of the Department.		

*******NOTHING FOLLOWS*******

THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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By Direction: priscilla

[Signature]
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Chief of Police

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Clerk of Courts

Name: **MELANIE W BRENNAN**

SS#: ID# **GDL#:** [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

Criminal Cases:

- A. No Case Found
- B: 1. Criminal Case No.
- 2. Criminal Case No.
- 3. Criminal Case No.
- 4. Criminal Case No.
- 5. Criminal Case No.

Civil Cases:

- A. No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.
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Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: **01/03/2019**

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Courts

BY:  **JESSE M. LEFEVER**
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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing - Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Office of Senator Shelton Guam Legislature <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 4:19 PM

February 5, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary and Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

Subject: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing - Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Håfa Adai!

Please be advised that the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens will convene a public hearing on **Tuesday February 12, 2019** beginning at **9:00AM** in / *Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room (Guam Congress Building, *Hagåtña*).

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9:00AM

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 32 TO TITLE 9, GCA, RELATIVE TO PROTECTING ELDERLY ADULTS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION BY PROVIDING CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT TO THOSE WHO WOULD HARM OUR MANÁMKO' AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

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We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse




John Paul Manuel

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing - Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Office of Senator Shelton Guam Legislature <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org> Fri, Feb 8, 2019 at 8:53 AM
Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

February 8, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary and Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 32 TO TITLE 9, GCA, RELATIVE TO PROTECTING ELDERLY ADULTS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION BY PROVIDING CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT TO THOSE WHO WOULD HARM OUR MANÁMKO' AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

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Buenas and Good Morning Senators.

My name is Willie Brennan and I am Melanie Brennan's husband. We have been married for over 30 years and have six children, 2 boys, 4 girls and 4 beautiful grandchildren.

Lani, as we call her, is a loving mother and grandmother. Together we have raised them to be the best that they can be, to pursue their dreams and to be engaged members of our family and community. We like to think they are a reflection of our own values, and Lani certainly embodies all these attributes. We live in Chalan Pago, surrounded by extended family. Chalan Pago has been the family home for many years and we have many relatives living in the village.

Lani's parents are Francisco and Dorothy Williams of Santa Rita, ^{Y.F.}familian Gollo. Frank is retired Navy and Dorothy is a retired school teacher. She has three brothers, John deceased, Victor with United Airlines and FRANCIS, and two sisters, Polly, a long time educator and Ginny, a specialist ALSO at the Judiciary. ^{KOTLA}

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Lani's extensive experience in the government brings a wealth of knowledge in law enforcement and the various innovative treatments tried and tested to prevent recidivism in the penal system. Having worked in the judiciary, Lani has been fortunate enough to attend numerous off island training and conferences, designed to find new ways to treat incarcerated individuals and return them to the community as active contributing members. Many of these have been targeted at Juvenile behavior and she will bring this knowledge and experience to the Department of Youth Affairs.

Lani has retired from the Government of Guam with her final position being Chief of ~~the~~ ^{At} Probation Department of the Judiciary. Together with the vast experience she brings to the table, her managerial expertise running the large probation department, will leave her in good stead to manage DYA, and begin the process of returning those children back to their parents and to their communities. I have no doubt the DYA, this administration and the people of Guam will benefit greatly from her.

As her husband I ask for your support and as a member of this community, I recommend she be confirmed as Director of the Department of Youth Affairs.

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Re: Letter of Testimony Re: Melanie W. Brennan for DYA Director

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Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 10:21 AM

Hafa Adai Senator Shelton:


Attached is my written testimony/ Letter of Support for tomorrow's Confirmation Hearing Re: Melanie W. Brennan as DYA Director. Should you have any further questions, I may be contacted at 735-5010/ 35. Thank you.

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Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Melanie Brennan
as Director of the Department of Youth Affairs

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Honorable Amanda L. Shelton and Esteemed Senators,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of the confirmation of Mrs. Melanie Brennan to serve as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs.

My name is Corrine Taijeron Buendicho and I am the Acting Youth Development Administrator at the Department of Youth Affairs. I have been employed with the Government of Guam for over 26 years, the first 4 of those years as a Social Worker at the Department of Public Health and Social Services, while the remaining 22+ of those years have been spent working through the ranks at DYA, where I plan to remain and eventually retire from, doing what I love most, which is helping our island's youth and their families to make a better life for themselves and their future.

I first came to know of Lani (as she is fondly known as) early on in my career as a CPS Social Worker, when I'd collaborate with the Superior Court of Guam where she worked as a Senior Juvenile Probation Officer. Through the years we've crossed paths professionally, during different junctures in our respective careers and have always acknowledged and respected one another as fellow colleagues, although she is just a couple of years senior to me, professionally speaking of course. I was not surprised to learn that Lani recently retired as Chief Probation Officer after working her way up through the ranks and successfully fulfilling 35 years of government service to our island. I truly admire this accomplishment and take pride in the fact that she is a woman. I now have another role model to look up to.

This past holiday season, I must admit that my anxiety level was very high as I heard several different rumors as to who may be appointed to be our new director. I finally learned from a very reliable source, who happen to be my younger sister that it was going to be Mrs. Melanie Brennan. I make mention of this only because my younger sister's boss at that time was Mrs. Brennan. The first words from my sister were, "the court's loss will be DYA's gain." My sister went on to tell me only positive attributes about Mrs. Brennan, such as the fact that she is optimistic and supportive of her employees, highly compassionate and knowledgeable of her job, and is very open-minded when faced with conflicts.

My sister went on to explain that in her experience of working directly under Mrs. Brennan's leadership, Mrs. Brennan makes and takes the time to listen to every side of a story to assist her to make sound and compromising decisions in the best interest of all involved. While the conversation that evening with my sister certainly eased my mind and made me less anxious about DYA's future, I was just more relieved and happy that it was going to be someone I knew and already respected, someone I knew was experienced and would take the duties of DYA director seriously and to heart. Since after all, I've worked really hard in my capacity and additional duties as one of DYA's grant writers to improve its' physical infrastructure, and most importantly the public's perception of DYA, that it is more rehabilitative and treatment-oriented, and not punitive as it was historically perceived to be. I certainly did not want a new director that was going to hinder further progress in this regard.

Although it has only been a month since Mrs. Brennan has been at DYA, and since I've had the opportunity to work directly with her, I've observed first-hand her professionalism and genuine interest in trying to quickly ascertain the issues that the department continues to be challenged with. I love her optimism and respect her tenacity in working through the department's list of priorities.

While there is certainly much more work to be done at DYA, I am highly confident that with Mrs. Brennan at the helm, her expertise and understanding of our needs will ensure consistency and continuity so we may continue to carry out the mandate of providing prevention and youth development activities, as well as 24-hour care and custody, rehabilitation and treatment services to the island's youth and community. I believe that Mrs. Brennan fully understands that DYA's presence within the community, via its' resource centers, increases concentration on preventive type programs with less emphasis and focus on incarceration which is definitely consistent, and in line with the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018.

It is my professional opinion that Mrs. Brennan will lead us in the right direction, and therefore, respectfully request for this legislative body to swiftly confirm the appointment of Mrs. Melanie Brennan as the director of the Department of Youth Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,



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Hafa Adai Chairperson Shelton, and Members of the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens.

My name is William Bucky Brennan, and I offer this testimony in support of Melanie W. Brennan to serve as the Director, of the Department of Youth Affairs.

I have known Melanie for over thirty years.

At this point I should probably mention that I am Melanie's son. Therefore, I anticipate you expect that I will ask you to support my mother's appointment for that reason only. However, that is only a part of what I hope to get through today.

My four sisters, my older brother, my three nieces, and my nephew, all hope you will support our Mom and Grandma simply because she is the best mother and grandmother any of us could have ever asked for. But I assume you know that is her family's position.

Instead, I'd like to testify to my mom's career from my perspective, to persuade you that she is immensely qualified and the right choice to lead the Department of Youth Affairs. I also hope to show you that in addition to being the strongest pillar of our family, mom has also quietly dedicated her life to her seventh child, service.

I have never known my mom to crave the spotlight. In fact, I think my siblings and I can all attest that she thrives and is at her best when she is supporting and lifting up others. Because that is what she has done all our lives.

When I was born in 1988, my mom was about to begin her third year as a social worker at child protective services. Before CPS, she also had a brief stint as a teacher. Mom occasionally talks to me about her time at CPS. She worked with children and families often in very difficult and depressing circumstances. But to this day, she speaks of how proud she was to help people, particularly children, in tough times.

Mom left CPS in 1991. She was then hired at the Superior Court of Guam with a cadre of probation officers that had experience in social work and case management. When people used to ask me, "what does your mom do?" I just said, probation. I simply knew she was law enforcement and she worked at the Court. As an adult and looking back, I freely admit that was a very naive understanding.

The Probation Services Division at the Court was and to this day is a high stress, high demand work environment. Yet quietly and diligently, mom kept her head down and went to work day in and day out. The job never followed her home. If she had a particularly busy day, or challenging case she was working on, we never knew.

I remember when we were young, Mom would help me and my sisters with our school work while simultaneously looking at the screen on our old computer. I always thought she was just playing a game while we worked. But then in 2002, mom received her master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Guam. I now know that that screen was her course work on our old IBM computer.

And all the while, in addition to school, she was rising through the ranks in the Probation Services Division. She began her first day in the 1991 as a young probation officer, and on January 18, 2019, she retired as the chief of the division. During that time span paradigms in the criminal justice system shifted dramatically. Probation, as a mainly law enforcement entity, transitioned to focus on rehabilitation, and for certain types of crimes - even treatment.

I remember calling the probation office when I was growing up to speak with my mom. As a teenager, I remember being annoyed because her phone number was always changing. It was not until I was older that I found out that mom was being transferred from unit to unit. In fact, at the end of her tenure at the Probation Services Division, she has either worked in or has been the supervisor of each of the units in the division in addition to her tenure as deputy-chief and chief probation officer.

I did not know this from mom though. She never bragged about the various positions she held. She never let us know the stress and struggles she faced everyday. Instead, she kept her head down, facing whatever task was thrown her way, without seeking recognition.

Because of her over thirty years of experience, if you are looking for someone who understands the local criminal justice system's transition from a punitive system, to the modern therapeutic and rehabilitative outcome iteration, then you need look no further than Mom. Quite literally, from behind the scenes, inconspicuously, but diligently and purposefully, she helped write the book on therapeutic and treatment programs at the court and worked on different reform efforts that have been advanced over the years in Guam.

This is how I know my mom. She is very quiet and thoughtful in her work, she does not seek accolades or recognition. This quiet, deliberative, and unrelenting work ethic is what I admire most about her. Even at the peak of her career, she did not seek the spotlight, or seek the recognition she most assuredly deserves. Instead, she has and continues to keep her head down, working quietly behind the scenes. She commands a wealth of knowledge of juvenile justice reform efforts, evidence-based and other best practices being implemented at the court as part of a greater movement toward criminal justice reform nationwide.

I beam with pride when I sit and listen to mom talk about the efforts she and others have made to implement these reforms and other evidence-based practices to reduce recidivism and ultimately make our community safer. Her passion and lifelong dedication to service are evident any time she discusses how far things have come, and the work of so many people to get Guam's criminal justice

system where it is today. But one thing she continues to impress on me in all of our discussions is that the work is not done.

Selfishly, I was very excited mid last year when, after years of encouragement from our family, mom started to think seriously about retirement. Our family thought, she'd finally get some rest. Over thirty years of government service meant she could relax. She deserved to decide the next phase in her life and to do as she pleased.

She decided 2019 was the year. And since then, our conversations have been about what her plans were. She kept telling me that she didn't just want to retire, she wanted to do something. She often spoke excitedly about potentially being a small business owner.

But then, I remember in January my mom asked me through text what I thought of her working at DYA. I just said, "why mom, you're about to retire?" Her response was simply, "why not?"

Over the next several days, she went back and forth, discussing the pros and cons. What would it mean for the family if she kept working? What would it mean for her staff at probation if she left? What would it mean to the DYA employees, or the children and families who engage the services at DYA?

Then mom said something to me that demonstrates why she is the right person to lead DYA. She said "Buck, we've worked on so many programs at the court. Probation is ready, the officers have been trained, we've implemented, and the court understands the different evidence-based practices and how to accomplish the goals we've set. The next step is to reengage stakeholders, like DYA, to continue the progress."

How humbling that after over thirty years of service, she is still thinking of how to continue serving our community. She is still thinking about how our community can benefit from the juvenile justice reform efforts implemented at the courts and how stakeholder groups can tap into the progress. She still has the passion to serve. She commands an incomparable wealth of knowledge of juvenile justice reform and other initiatives in the local and national criminal justice system, and she brings over thirty years of experience of executing programs and achieving goals.

In closing, I would just like to say, I am unabashedly proud of my mom. Her professional accomplishments demonstrate that she is a lifelong public servant who has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others for the benefit of our community. Her family supports her, and her appointment to DYA. We are willing to share her with the community for a while longer because we know her love and dedication to service.

So, for all these reasons, I humbly ask you to support Melanie W. Brennan's appointment to be the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs; so that our community can continue to benefit from all she has to offer.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Bucky Brennan

Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Melanie Brennan as
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Buenas yan Hafa Adai Honorable Amanda L. Shelton and Honorable Senators of the 35th Guam Legislature,

I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to advocate for Mrs. Melanie Brennan's appointment as the Director for the Department of Youth Affairs. My name is Robinette Balajadia; I have been a Social Worker at the Department of Youth Affairs for almost six years and currently serving in an acting capacity as the Social Service Supervisor.

My first professional encounter with Mrs. Lani Brennan (as she prefers to be called), although she may not recall, was during Career Day back when I was a student attending Notre Dame High School. Mrs. Lani Brennan's presentation about her career as a Probation Officer was so inspirational that I knew immediately that I wanted to be just like her. The Career Day assignment for all students was to interview one of the guest speakers from a perspective career field. I met with Mrs. Lani Brennan and her interview only furthered my aspirations of becoming a Probation Officer. I was amazed by how genuinely passionate she was about her job, her dedication and commitment to making a positive impact in other people's lives drew me in and I was convinced that this was my career choice. After high school graduation, I attended the University of Guam and completed my degree in Criminal Justice. Although I did not become a Probation Officer, I attribute my true calling as a juvenile Social Worker at DYA to Mrs. Lani Brennan.

I have known Mrs. Lani Brennan both personally and professionally for the past 20+ years. On a personal level, I've known Mrs. Lani Brennan as the stepmom of one of my best friends. As a parent and grandparent she fosters a nurturing, family-oriented home environment. She's compassionate and empathetic towards the struggles that families endure when trying to raise a family and strives to be the best mother possible to her children.

On a professional level, I developed a direct working relationship with Mrs. Lani Brennan during her time as the Chief of Probation at the Superior Court of Guam where she exhibited great leadership. Mrs. Lani Brennan successfully collaborated with other departments to include DYA and was always very supportive towards our shared goals and objectives, an idea in which she passed on to all her subordinate Probation Officers.

Mrs. Lani Brennan's knowledge and experience gained from the Juvenile Probation Office is a great asset to her role as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs. She's aware of the issues and challenges with the island's youth, and the need for more services, program interventions, and community-based prevention programs. Since her appointment to DYA, she has expressed her appreciation towards the department's best efforts in maintaining all our services, programs and the operation of the youth correctional facility despite the difficulties and challenges that the agency currently faces.

Undoubtedly, Mrs. Lani Brennan's previous experience and extensive knowledge would bring fresh ideas to aid in planning and strategizing towards improvements to programs, services and infrastructure, ensuring the continuity of existing programs and services, boost employee morale and performance, increase youth development, work towards promoting a more positive image of DYA to the public, and strengthening our ties with the Judiciary of Guam and other service partners.

I fully support the appointment of Mrs. Melanie Brennan and humbly request that the 35th Guam Legislature consider her confirmation as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Sensaramente,

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Speaker Tina Muna-Barnes
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Speaker Muna-Barnes,

I am writing this letter in support of the confirmation of Melanie Brennan for Director of the Department of Youth Affairs.

Ms. Brennan is a competent professional and will make a great DYA director. I have known her for several years as Chief Probation Officer for the Judiciary of Guam. Over the years we engaged in discussions about electronic monitoring for certain individual who are serving probationary conditions of release. She has also engaged my University of Guam students as guest criminal justice lecturer. Additionally, Ms. Brennan has helped to place university student interns with the Judiciary of Guam.

Our island faces many public safety and criminal justice challenges. Her vast experience with child protective service, adult protective service, adult probation service, and juvenile probation will guide her to effectively lead DYA. Her experience with the implementation of risk assessment tools to effectively evaluate offenders in order to best determine how to treat them will help improvement DYA.

I have been impressed by her exceptional ability to think, lead, and motivate others. Melanie Brennan is motivated, intelligent, dependable, and responsible. I strongly endorse her confirmation. Please contact me by email at fishizaki@hotmail.com or by telephone at (671) 898-0703.

Sincerely,


Frankie T. Ishizaki

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February 11, 2019

Honorable Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary and Minority Whip
Committee on Higher Education and the
Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens
35th Guam Legislature

Buenas, Honorable Amanda Shelton, Chairwoman for the Committee on Higher Education, Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens and committee members.

Thank you so much, for the opportunity to come before this esteemed body to request confirmation as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs.

For those of you who don't know me, I am Melanie Williams Brennan and I was selected by the first woman Governor of Guam, Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor, Josh Tenorio to head the Department of Youth Affairs. Humbled by their trust and confidence in me, I am also empowered by the fact that all three branches of our Government are now led by women. As a woman, I am honored to serve beside them, committed to much needed change and to further advance juvenile justice reform at DYA to improve youth and family outcomes that will ultimately enhance public safety.

Born in Illinois but raised on island, I graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1980; subsequently I received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Hawaii in 1984 and returned to Guam to work with the Department of Public Health and Social Services as a Social Worker; initially with Child Protective Services, serving abused and neglected children and then later, with Adult Protective Services, serving Guam's abused elderly and disabled adults.

In 1991, I joined the Superior Court of Guam, as a Probation Officer and rose through the ranks from Officer to Supervisor. In 2002, I earned my Masters in Public Administration from the University of Guam and continued advancement to Deputy Chief Probation Officer and then to becoming the first POST compliant, female, Chief Probation Officer for the Judiciary of Guam.

My work as a social worker and later as a law enforcement officer taught me that a balanced approach, one of advocacy and accountability towards any offender can be achieved in ways that cause less harm than punitive measures alone, especially with at-risk youth.

Yes, we must still hold youth accountable for their delinquent actions, but we must also provide them with opportunities to be successful. Innovative programming that is developmentally informed, providing youth with foundations to cultivate educational, vocational, and social skills; mentoring and exposure to prosocial activities like sports, farming or music, these experiences can change the trajectory of delinquency.

Since 2014, I have been part of a Judiciary of Guam management team for juvenile justice reform. The overarching goal of all our efforts was to reduce recidivism through the implementation of evidence based practices (EBP's), programs and strategies that properly assess risk and needs, provide for individualized case planning, cognitive behavioral interventions that change criminal thinking and engage the entire family. These efforts can be applied to the youth who intersect with the Department of Youth Affairs.

The work ahead will be challenging and it won't happen overnight; but I have experienced and committed staff at DYA to make these needed changes. I also know that no single agency can do it alone; it takes partnerships and collaboration. I have already reached out to other youth serving agencies, cabinet members and non-profit organizations. I envision an island where fewer youth are at risk of delinquency, where more family and community based alternatives exist, especially for status offenders. I want to expand our good work in our Community Resource centers in Agat, Mangilao and Dededo to other communities.

I pledge to do more, so that most people don't just think of DYA as just a youth prison; I will further develop DYA's greatest resource, and provide training in trauma, suicide prevention, adolescent brain development, EBP's, addressing disproportionate minority populations and the importance of data collection so that we can continue to positively impact youth and restore families.

Reform is a perpetual journey, and as a youth serving agency, we will commit to continuous quality improvement and continue to grow by embracing new knowledge and research to properly address the challenges that confront us.

If any of you feel that my experience is insufficient to lead DYA please know that the I've not even been with the new administration for a month, yet I have been sent to Onboarding and Leadership Training, a 3 day GovGuam Leadership Seminar, I'm currently enrolled in the Module 1 Procurement Class at the Guam Community College and I'm scheduled to attend a 4 hour course with the Attorney General's Office on the Freedom of Information Act, Open Government Laws and Adverse Action. This Administration values professional development.

Before I end my testimony and you begin your line of questioning I'd like to acknowledge those from my new family at DYA who showed up to support me, Krisinda Aguon the Deputy Director of DYA, Corrine Buendicho the Acting Youth Services Administrator, David Afaisen, the Superintendent of the Youth Correctional Facility, Robinette Balajadia, Acting Social Services Supervisor, and former Director, Peter Alexis Ada.

I'd like to acknowledge my Husband of 31 years, Willie and our 6 children and 4 grandchildren; my siblings, Ginny and Polly, Vic and Art; my parents Frank and Dorothy Williams, the many friends who took the time to be here today. I stand on the shoulders of many giants who propel me to the greatest heights and support me no matter the challenge. Their love sustains me. Thank you.

February 11, 2019

Senator Amanda L. Shelton
Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth
and Senior Citizens.

I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan

Re: Appointment of Melanie W. Brennan, Director of the Department of Youth Affairs

Hafa Adai Senator Shelton;

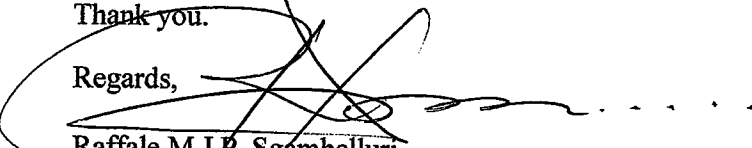
Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony. My name is Raffaele M.J.P. Sgambelluri, and I am a retired Chief of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency. It is with full confidence that I would like to express my sincere support in the nomination of Mrs. Melanie W. Brennan, as the next Director of the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA).

I have known Ms. Brennan and her husband Willie, for a number of years, and they are indeed one of high character, who have instilled great faith and family values in raising their children. I have also known Melanie as a fair and balanced, yet very professional, law enforcement official during her tenure with the Superior Court of Guam. DYA certainly needs someone with a stern background in public safety, yet brings the compassion to allow troubled juveniles the opportunity of rehabilitation, and this is why Mrs. Melanie Brennan becomes the ideal candidate for the job.

I commend Governor Lou Leon Guerrero in her selection of Ms. Brennan as the candidate to lead DYA. The scope of the agency must evolve from being merely an entity that experiences a growth in recidivism, to one which can foster and assist these youth to live productive lives. DYA must progress from just being just a youth detention facility, to a youth detention facility which recognizes the unique issues represented by each of their clients, and customizes their ability to reform. Ms. Brennan is the ideal choice in addressing these objectives of the organization as she will bring meticulousness, leadership and experience to the table.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the nomination of Mrs. Brennan, and encourage all Senators to stand behind the governor's selection and confirm Ms. Melanie W. Brennan as the next Director of the Department of Youth Affairs. Thank you.

Regards,



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Retired Chief
Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency



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Sent: Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 10:49 PM

Subject: Re: Testimony for Confirmation of MWB

Hafa Adai Chairwoman/Senator Shelton and Senators of the 35th Guam Legislature. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Melanie Williams Brennan. My name is Virginia Williams Yasuhiro and I am the oldest sibling and former colleague of Ms. Brennan. I credit birth order and genetics, specifically our parents, 91 year old Francisco Nicolas Williams and 89 year old Dorothy Perez Williams for molding Lani into the fearless leader that she is today. When dad retired from the military and brought us home to Guam in 1968, he and mom placed our education as their priority, in spite of the financial difficulties of raising 6 children. Valuing education, Lani obtained her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and later a Masters in Public Administration. As a middle child, she had to jostle for attention and recognition. This middle child

characteristic of standing out and excelling, she's brought into every task she's ever been given.

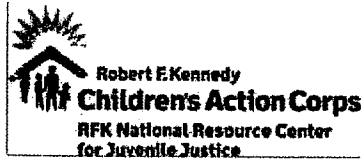
Lani got her first taste of working for Government of Guam and for the youth of Guam as a substitute teacher at Agueda Johnston Middle School. She worked with the elderly and then at the other end of the spectrum with babies, children and their parents before joining the Judiciary. She moved through the ranks at Probation Services Division, as a Probation Officer, Probation Supervisor, Deputy Chief and Chief Probation Officer.

As her colleague at the Judiciary, it was our work with Juvenile Justice and Adult Justice Reform that I was able to personally witness her performance as a visionary, leader and change agent. I will speak primarily to Juvenile Justice Reform as her work in this area is key to her leading the Department of Youth Affairs. Beginning in late 2014, we were part of the Judiciary's Juvenile Probation Review Management Team with the assistance and direction of the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice. The review resulted in recommendations for the improvement of Juvenile Probation Services. Change within juvenile probation happened methodically and swiftly with Lani championing the charge, from the selection and use of a validated risk and needs assessment to informed case planning; the use of effective practices in case management to best practices and evidence based programs and services; policy and procedural enhancements to redefining probation officers' roles and responsibilities; improved data and system evaluations to enhanced inter- and intra-agency communication and collaboration. Throughout the Juvenile Justice Reform process, Department of Youth Affairs was a valued and integral partner and participant.

Ms. Brennan is well versed in matters that impact adolescents, juvenile justice and reform. She is aware of the need to look at alternative approaches to incarceration, disproportionate minority representation in the justice system, addressing the core issues that contribute to delinquency, targeting the need for adequate treatment, family engagement and support services to improve youth outcomes, and the importance of prevention programs and pro-social outlets for all youth. Juvenile detention is only a small part of the youth service needs of our children. It is with confidence that I endorse her as a highly qualified candidate for this position. It is my sincere belief that she is the best person for this job.

/s/ VWYasuhiro

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 9, 2019

To: Legislature of Guam
Office of Senator Amanda L. Shelton
Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam

From: John A. Tuell, Executive Director
Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice

In re: Testimony on behalf of Melanie Brennan
Confirmation Hearing for the Director, Department of Youth Affairs

In a continuing effort to enhance policy, practice and service provision for the youth and families involved with the Judiciary of Guam and the Probation Department, and consistent with the Juvenile Justice System strategic improvement plan, a comprehensive probation system review was conducted from October 2014 – August 2015 by the RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice. Through the comprehensive review process and the committed leadership of the Judiciary of Guam and a Probation System Review Management Team (PRMT), the analytic probation system evaluation resulted in recommendations for methods by which improved outcomes for Guam's youth and families could be realized. Melanie Brennan, a key member of the PRMT, has been a constant and consistent leader in these efforts over the past five years. Ms. Brennan has demonstrated her passion and experience during the planning and review phase and has continued to provide her expertise and steady leadership during the implementation of best practice policies and procedures on behalf of the youth and families of Guam.

There have been considerable research and practice advances in the past 10-15 years in the juvenile justice system and Ms. Brennan has routinely evidenced her professional curiosity and commitment to a complete understanding of those advances so that she is positioned to translate the research into viable policies and practices that positively serve the interests of children, youth and families. My professional partnership over the past five years with Ms.

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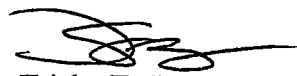
Dear Senator Amanda Shelton,

I write in support of the confirmation of Melanie W. Brennan as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs. I have known Melanie Brennan for over 25 years. I've had the privilege to work closely with her during her time at the Probation Office at the Judiciary of Guam. She has always been dependable and resourceful.

Melanie Brennan will be a fine Director for the Department of Youth Affairs. She has shown excellent leadership as a Probation Officer Supervisor, later as the Deputy Chief Probation Officer, and then ending as our Chief Probation Officer. She has been instrumental in the Judiciary's Juvenile Justice Reform and was also appointed as a Chairperson for one of the four Juvenile Justice Reform Sub-Committees. Ms. Brennan possesses the institutional knowledge and she has assisted in moving probation to an evidence based practice model for supervision. Throughout her time here at probation, she actively researched ways to incorporate positive change. She managed the implementation of a Risk Needs Assessment Instrument for both Juvenile and Adult Clients.

I am confident that Ms. Brennan will be as dedicated as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs as she was as the Chief Probation Officer.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to a positive consideration.



Trisha T. Suzuki

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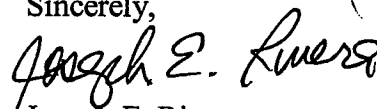
Senator Amanda Shelton and All Senators of the 35th Guam Legislature
Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior
Citizens
Chairperson
Guam Congress Building
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Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Senators:

I am writing this testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Melanie Brennan to the position of Director of the Department of Youth Affairs. I have personally known Ms. Brennan for many years and I believe that there is no better qualified individual suited for this position. Ms. Brennan has devoted her entire career to the areas of criminal justice and social welfare and has helped many people to work their way back to becoming functioning and contributing members of our society. Ms. Brennan has always been known as dedicated and an intelligent individual, ideally suited to handle the complexities inherent in the position of Department of Youth Affairs Director. Her thirty plus years of professional experience ensure that she is well equipped and eminently qualified to address the myriad of complex issues that the Department of Youth Affairs inevitably faces. Ms. Brennan has earned a reputation as someone who is impeccably honest, absolutely dedicated and who genuinely cares for our young people, which is something that is, in my opinion, absolutely critical to being an effective Director of Youth Affairs. In the short time since she has been appointed to the position of acting Director of the Department of Youth Affairs, she has already begun addressing the most pressing problems she has been faced with thus far. This bold and quick approach gives hope that the challenges the Department of Youth Affairs currently faces, may one day become a thing of the past.

Once again, I thank you all for allowing me to provide testimony in support of Ms. Melanie Brennan's confirmation to the position of Director of the Department of Youth Affairs.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Rivera
Chief Financial Officer
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Written Testimony in Support of the Confirmation
of Ms. Melanie W. Brennan
as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs

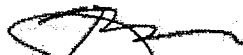
Buenas yan Saluda, Honorable Senators of the 35th Guam Legislature

In the little time that Ms. Brennan has served the community as a Director of the Department of Youth Affairs, I find her to be very supportive and compassionate about getting the work done. Her previous experience and ties with the court system, is of benefit to our department. She is fair, honest and mission focused, which are key elements and characteristics of a great leader.

I for one truly appreciates that she can still relate to all levels of the organization and our operations from a macro level to an operational level.

It would be with your favorable support to confirm Ms. Brennan's appointment to be the DYA Director for the term of this Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration.

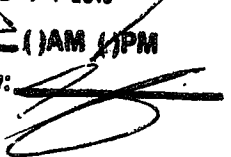
Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for your attention.



Jeannette C. Toves
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RE: Letter of Support for Ms. Melanie W. Brennan

Dear Senators:

It is with great pride and pleasure to submit this letter of strong support for Ms. Melanie "Lani" W. Brennan who is seeking confirmation as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs. I have known Lani, as she is affectionately known, for about ten years in my former capacity as the Staff Clinical Psychologist at the Department of Youth Affairs (2003-2015) and the Court Clinical Psychologist at Client Services and Family Counseling Division (2015 to present).

I first interacted with Lani professionally as the DYA Staff Psychologist at various trainings and at the several youth and juvenile delinquency task forces, councils and commissions of which she was also part and represented the Judiciary of Guam. During those times and subsequent to that, Lani was the Probation Intake supervisor. In those earlier years, I found her to be authentic, intuitive, thoughtful, and serious about understanding the causes and origins of rampant juvenile delinquent crime and status (non-criminal) offenses and how we, together as a community, can help reduce crime, help victims, and rehabilitate offenders.

In mid-2015, we became colleagues at the Judiciary of Guam when I came on board as the Clinical Psychologist at CSFCD. By that time, she had risen to the Deputy Chief of Probation and helped oversee all adult and juvenile probationer work. On more than one occasion, Lani had sought my advice and expertise on specific cases in terms of individual or systemic relief. In addition, we would often sit in on meetings together for Juvenile Justice Reform, System of care, and various trainings on mental health and criminal justice system change. By mid-last year, Lani was appointed to be the Chief of the Probation Division, only the second female ever to be in that position. For those in the know, they believed in her and her capabilities.

Although I was never her Court Probation colleague or direct supervisor, I found Lani to be an honest, genuine, conscientious, and intelligent professional. I have the utmost confidence that Lani will continue giving her best and ethical self to the community she loves in her current capacity at DYA.

Lani is actually quite funny, quirky, smart, but humble. I am saddened, however, that she has chosen to leave the Judiciary of Guam to work at DYA. She will be sorely missed, but I am heartened knowing that in her capacity as the director of DYA, she will continue working hard for the young people of Guam who are most vulnerable and in need of help. The way I view it, this new position is actually an evolution in her lifelong career of serving others when she was first a substitute teacher at DOE decades ago.

I am so proud and have absolutely no reservations in my unmatched support of Lani becoming the director of the Department of Youth Affairs. If you have any questions about Lani, please do not hesitate to contact me at the 300-9281 at work or on my cell at 988-4274.

Sincerely,

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Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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February 10, 2019

Honorable Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary and Minority Whip
Committee on Higher Education and the
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35th Guam Legislature
Via email to officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org

Re: Letter of Support for Appointment of Melanie W. Brennan

Dear Senator Shelton,

Hafa adai! It's my pleasure to submit this letter in support of Melanie (Lani) W. Brennan's appointment as Director of the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA). I have known Lani for many years, working most closely with her over the past four years in her capacity as Deputy Chief Probation Officer and Chief Probation Officer at the Judiciary of Guam.

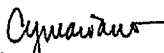
I enjoyed working with Lani, and came to truly value her professionalism, experience, and expertise. Lani is a change agent. This became profoundly evident when the Judiciary embarked on reform efforts, beginning with juvenile probation in 2014 and progressing into our current adult probation and pretrial reform efforts. As a key leader at the Probation Services Division, Lani was instrumental in facilitating change in an organization which was steeped in traditional ways, as many are. She committed to learning the principles and research behind reform and was able to apply this knowledge to the worksite.

Juvenile probation reform was not conducted within the walls of the Judiciary. Instead, it was an effort that depended greatly on the input of key partners such as the Office of the Attorney General, Guam Police Department, Sanctuary Incorporated, and DYA. Over two years, intensive work which included lengthy discussions with leadership and staff of and site visits to the DYA were conducted. Lani was an active participant in these activities, thus gaining an insight into the challenges and operations of DYA that most will never have.

Lani is dependable and hard-working. Her education and training in the social work, public administration and criminal justice fields provide a balanced (and ideal) perspective, which is critical as DYA Director. Along with this, Lani's positive outlook always makes working with her enjoyable.

In closing, I support Lani's appointment as DYA Director and *I hope that you will too*. I know that she will continue to contribute positively to DYA and our community. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. *Si Yu'us Ma'ase!*

Sincerely,


Cerina Y. Mariano, CGMS



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MELANIE W. BRENNAN
Acting Director

KRISINDA C. AGUON
Deputy Director

February 12, 2019

To: Senator Amanda Shelton
Fr: Krisinda C. Aguon, Deputy Director
Re: Testimony

Good morning Madame Chairwoman and Senator Amanda Shelton and good morning to Senators and members of the Committee on youth. My name is Krisinda Aguon and I am the deputy director of the Department of Youth Affairs. I am here to testify in support of the nomination of Mrs. Melanie Brennan to the position as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs.

I may not have been privileged enough to work with Mrs. Brennan as others may have in her many years of government service, however in the last few weeks I have learned a great deal of her innate ability to lead. I have realized the vast amount of knowledge and skills she brings in regards to youth, the judicial system and the ability to provide direction for issues concerning them and their families.

Additionally, her understanding and experiences of and with juvenile justice reforms, community wide programs for at risk youth as well as her commitment to understanding and providing possible solutions or direction to overcoming societal issues is both commendable and inspiring.

I have seen first-hand the energy, focus and dedication to our department. Her tenacity towards understanding our needs and deficiencies as a department has left me with a feeling of total care and consideration. As her deputy, our conversations and decisions have been based on transparency, mutuality and the desire to improve the quality and quantity of our work force at the Department of Youth Affairs.

I am excited to preserve this humbling opportunity to work alongside Mrs. Brennan and encourage you to confirm her nomination as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs. I have not only witnessed her genuine commitment to both the youth in our care and the employees we serve, I, too have seen her capacity to inspire, lead and improve our department.

Mrs. Brennan may be tiny and small statured but her abilities and capacity far outweigh what is obvious. There is definitely a pack to the punch and I can only hope that I get the privilege of working with her for years to come, because at this point it is already an honor.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration!



The Office of Senator Amanda L. Shelton

Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman

Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens convened a public hearing on Tuesday, February 12 at 9:00 AM/PM in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Melanie W. Brennan to serve as a Director of the Department of Youth Affairs, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero on January 21, 2019, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on January 28, 2019;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on January 31, 2019.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on February 5, 2019, and again on February 8, 2019.

Senators Present

Senator Amanda L. Shelton, Chairperson
Senator Kelly G. Marsh (Taitano), Vice-Chairperson
Senator Therese Terlaje, Committee Member
Senator Louise Borja Muna, Committee Member
Senator Sabina F. Perez
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator Wil Castro
Senator Clynt Ridgell

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:00 AM/PM.

Willie Brennan: [See attached written testimony]

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Thank you very much Mr. Brennan, Mr. Michael Phillips?"*

Michael Phillips: *"Thank you very much Madam Chair and Senators, committee members I've known Lani now for almost 50 years so I guess a little bit longer than Willie, we're also from the same village Santa Rita with that time span most of you know that when you say you're from the same village that's during a time when it meant something. You can be neighbors now and from the same village that doesn't necessarily mean what it meant before. But I've known Lani for almost 50 years we're from the same village and we're from the same school, Mt. Carmel*



from way way back, we actually graduated together from the University of Hawaii. So with that having been said I know her very very well. In our professional careers we're generally in the same area but kinda on opposite sides. I was representing criminal defendants and she was representing victims and alleged victims. There was always communication any time either one of us wanted it we're free to talk to each other anything ranging from cases to philosophy to solutions and plans and things like that, kinda where she is now. She moved from CPS to probation and again in my career that's, not the opposite but definitely a field where it's not the best relationship because when you're a defense attorney and your clients are being handled by probation, it's not always a nice ending or a nice procedure. Lani was always very amicable and always let me know if you need something Mike, just call and I always knew I could do that. In my thirty years I did that probably twice. But it was always knowing that if I needed to I could call Lani and she was very responsive always had all the answers knew her job very very well so I wasn't surprised although I didn't know it was happening, that she was going ascend to the highest position there at the court in her field only now to go to DYA. But I feel very very confident that she'll do just as well if not better there because now that brings another side at Willie describe although I think she did great at law enforcement now adding that uh not completely a motherly part of her but definitely the different dimension that she brings to the table. Will now kinda be at the forefront at DYA, I think she will do an excellent job. I do want to say and I promise to end with this just one brief example. Mr. Ada, Peter Alecxis Ada is here in the hall, and he's a perfect example because people can just do there job and then people can do there job and one day he reached out because he saw a child that didn't belong at DYA and he could have just gone home and that child could have spent the night at DYA, spent the week there, but he inquired and intervened and said this child does not belong here and to make a long story short that child ended up going up there he was taken care of, he ended up being my foster child and without Mr. Ada that would not have happened. He can name the children that he's been involved with me as an attorney or for any other reason and he'll say Mike so and so there is, his name, and I can't remember names at my age although don't you remember Mike it's this case oh yeah. He remembers every single one of them and he follows them all the way through and I think that's the type of person Lani will be and that's the difference from DYA from quote unquote law enforcement and maybe DOC. And you have a great director in Lani you've had a great administrator there in different positions with Mr. Ada and I just don't you know feel it's appropriate for me to testify in favor of Lani without bringing out that one example of Mr. Ada who I think in my opinion he may have saved the child's life because who knows what would have happened but he did everything he could to protect that child and that's just an ordinary day for Mr. Ada, I never knew that side of him and I think there's many people who may not know that side of Lani because of her career. She's serious. All joking aside I asked her, is she packed, is she carrying a gun because she does that stuff in her career and she did it very very well. And all the years I've known Lani any job she's done, she's done very very well and I'm sure she'll do a very good job. So unless you have any questions, I just want to make sure I... you have my unconditional support and encouragement and I hope you do confirm her."

Senator Amanda Shelton: "Thank you very much Mr. Phillips and... Mr. Paul Suba?"

Paul Suba: "Morning madam Senator distinguished Senators and guests and of course the appointee. I can't agree with attorney Phillips more. I believe that in my personal and professional dealings with Ms. Melanie Brennan that she has a passion for what she does. She has a passion not only for the mission but the employees and the clients as well. And I think in our conversations she has proven at least in my opinion to have recognized that the need is really at the forefront of the entire criminal justice system, dealing with our children and our youth. I have to say on a personal note it's obvious she's done well with her own family and has a lot of support from not only them but I've seen even there friends but even there friends that come into the family relationship. I believe, and I'm going to make it short because there's others that want to speak and I think you have a pretty good idea already from her background that you may have reviewed, that she is unique to this particular position because of what attorney Phillips has stated she has all the experience in dealing with the adults and the court system and all the issues and

things that needed to be addressed at that end but now she appears to want to move in the direction of where the real challenge is to help our youth to get to a place that they need to be. So adults and all of, people in the community that's really our role to help the younger generation whether they've made mistakes or have challenges to get to a place where they'll be better and walk away from institutions and places such as the Department of Youth Affairs so I want to congratulate Ms. Brennan, Mrs. Brennan for all the accomplishment she's made because I believe they have been the stepping stones that brought her to where she is today and with your support and confirmation I believe she's going to do an excellent job in improving and making strides that have already been done but she can build upon those and I know she'll develop because of her passion, even more activities and things that the youth can take hear so that they can move on with there lives so I want to thank you again and I truly do support her confirmation."

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Si yu'us maase, and Mr. David Afaisen from DYA?"*

David Afaisen: [Reads written testimony, attached]

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Thank you very much. Ma'am? Can you please state your name for the record?"*

Corrine T. Buendicho: *"Good morning Senator my name is Corrine Buendicho."* [Reads written testimony, attached]

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Thank you... Mrs. Krisinda Aguon?"*

Krisinda Aguon: [Reads written testimony, attached]

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Thank you Mrs. Aguon, any of my colleagues have any questions for this panel?"*

Senator Telo Taitague: *"Thank you very much madam chair, I'm sorry I have a very important meeting I have to attend to but just want to say, congratulations and thank you for stepping to the plate and thank you but I have to leave right now. I really appreciate it, I've known you for quite some time and I definitely know your sisters back there and they're great supporters and that's what you're going to need in this job and get ready Michael because you're going to receive a little more foster kids in that area and thank you Mr. Ada for all the good work that you've done at DYA and congratulations you have my support."*

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Thank you..s"*

William Bucky Brennan: *"I apologize Senator I have to get back to court at 11:00 and normally I would defer to the former Senator but could I give my testimony now?"* [Senator Shelton: "Yes"] [Reads written testimony, attached]

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Thank you very much Mr. Brennan, Mr. Ada?"*

Peter Alecxis Ada: *"While the gentleman was talking I leaned over at Melanie and I said is that your brother-in-law or your son and she said that's my son. Wow. He said it all. You know as a retiree normally whenever I come to the legislature I would come with a prepared written statement but when you're retired, you have no time to write because I'm out in the yard bushcutting, no not bushcutting, lawn mowing pulling weeds and everything, I'm enjoying retirement. When I heard that Melanie was being appointed as the director of DYA, I said to myself excellent choice. Excellent. And why do I say that? Because I have known Melanie in two of my professions, one at*

Public Health when she served as CPS and man I'll tell ya that's not easy. I don't know I Melanie has ever taken any kids home because she couldn't find a place for them. But then I had the opportunity to work very closely with Melanie again at the Department of Youth Affairs and one distinct incident happened was when we had a meeting with the Department of Education about the kids and it was at that point that Melanie let's look at other options to save these kids and it really bothered us when we have to put a 7th grader behind bars. It really bothers us at DYA. And so with that incident and several others even I recall one 6th grader that was at DYA we came up with a solution and that was going to back to Gloria Nelson, she had a program called opportunity room in the schools. And we worked on that with Melanie's support, we have not, at the time I was at DYA I think we only had two kids that were brought in and that's because they had previous cases but other than that they were put in the opportunity room at school it was very very hard, it pains the families and I don't know whether they're still there but I say at this point that there are at least 7 kids when I left on January 4th, there are 7 kids that are there that really don't belong there so we should be looking at opportunities such as Boy's Town. We can apply that concept so it can become a co-ed. We had the opportunity to bring the cottage home closer and with Melanie's background and the juvenile reform act, it has really helped the Department of Youth Affairs. And so Senators I come to you freely in full support of the nomination of Melanie Brennan to serve as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs and she will be able to bring that department to where it belongs. She is currently working on several thing... the juvenile reform act is very very important and I ask you for your support for her confirmation as the director."

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"And now I want to recognize with Robinette Balajadia."*

Robinette Balajadia: [Reads written testimony, attached]

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Thank you very much Ms. Balajadia, Senator Ishizaki?"*

Former Senator Frank Ishizaki: [Reads written testimony, attached]

Senator Amanda L. Shelton: *"Thank you very much Senator, is there anyone else that wishes to testify on the confirmation of Mrs. Brennan? I'd also like to mention that we've received testimony in support of Mrs. Brennan from John A. Tuell from the John F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice and support from Mr. Joseph E. Rivera, the Chief Financial Officer of Calvo's Enterprise and Ms. Tricia T. Suzuki all in support of your nomination and Mrs. Brennan go ahead."*

Melanie Brennan: [Reads written testimony, attached]

The public hearing was adjourned at 11:21 AM/PM.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens hereby reports on the appointment of Melanie W. Brennan to serve as a Director of the Department of Youth Affairs, with the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM**.



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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Nomination of
Melanie Brennan to serve as Director of the Department of Youth Affairs
to serve at the pleasure of the Governor of Guam**

	SIGNATURE	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Amanda L. Shelton Chairperson		✓ 2/14/19				
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Vice Chairperson						
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member						
Vice Speaker Telena C. Nelson Member						
Senator Kelly G. Marsh (Taitano) Member		✓ 2/14/19				
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member		✓ 2/14/19				
Senator Therese M. Terlaje Member		✓ 2/14/19				
Senator Mary C. Torres Member						
Senator Louise Borja Muña Member		✓ 2/14/19				



Grino to replace Larsen at TakeCare

TakeCare Insurance has announced the resignation of clinical administrator Jeff Larsen effective March 15.

TakeCare President and CEO Joseph Husslein made the announcement "with mixed feelings" in a letter to employees on Monday.

Husslein said Larsen has made many valuable contributions to TakeCare and he thanked Larsen for his service and wished him the best "in his future endeavors."

Larsen previously had served as president of TakeCare before becoming clinical administrator. Husslein's letter does not indicate what employer or new position, if any, Larsen has accepted.

Rose Grino will replace Larsen as TakeCare's new clinical administrator effective Feb. 25. Grino most recently served as the specialty clinic manager at Guam Regional Medical City.

Husslein said Grino brings "a wealth of knowledge and experience" and her "relationships and



Rose Grino



Jeff Larsen

Brennan 'committed' to DYA

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Family, friends, attorneys, former Cabinet members and lawmakers all made a case for senators to install Melanie Brennan as the director of the Department of Youth Affairs.



Melanie Brennan

"I am committed ... to furthering juvenile justice efforts at DYA," Brennan told senators during her confirmation hearing Tuesday. "We need to improve youth and family outcomes. It cannot just be the youth, it has to be their families as well. This will ultimately enhance public safety."

Brennan, most recently served as chief probation officer at the Judiciary of Guam. She had worked for the court system since 1991, having started as a probation officer and working her way up the ladder. Prior to the courts, she served as a social worker at the

Department of Public Health and Social Services.

Among those who testified were attorney Mike Phillips, who said Brennan and her predecessor are similar in that they don't just go through the motions of doing their job.

He pointed out former DYA Director Peter Alexcis Ada, whom Phillips said was engaged in the well-being of the children sent to DYA.

"One day, he reached out because he saw a child that didn't belong at DYA. Now, he could have gone home and that child could have spent the night at DYA. But he intervened and said, 'This child does not belong here.' ... In my opinion, he may have saved that child's life," Phillips noted, adding that that child ended up being his foster child.

"I think that's the type of person you have in Lani."

Ada also was at the hearing. He said he worked with Brennan at the Department of Public Health and Social Services and again when he was at DYA. He said Brennan is an "excel-

lent choice" to lead the youth-services agency.

"We have to look at other options to help these kids. ... It bothers us when we have to put a seventh-grader behind bars," he said, adding that there have been improvements with new local and federal policy but more is needed, and he believes Brennan can help.

Brennan said she has been working with a team at the court since 2014. The group focused on finding ways to reduce recidivism in delinquent youth, and she wants to expand that effort to DYA.

"The work ahead will be challenging and it won't happen overnight, but I have experience and committed staff at DYA to help make these changes," she said. "I also know that no single agency can do it alone. It will take partnerships and collaboration. I have already reached out to other youth-serving agencies, Cabinet members and nonprofit organizations. Now I'm reaching out to you. Give me the opportunity to help change the trajectory of delinquency on island."

Former police colonel to file motion to dismiss

By Louella Losinio
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Former Guam Police Department Col. Mark Charfauros, through his legal defense, will be filing a motion to dismiss in his official misconduct and obstructing government function

prosecution and defense that the court convened further proceedings to see where both parties are with respect to new dates for trial and potential resolution of the matter without trial.

Charfauros is facing charges of official misconduct and obstructing government functions for his actions

the motion.

"I advised counsel that we will be filing a motion to dismiss," Cunliffe said. "I'm doing a government brief right now. Hopefully in a couple of weeks I will have that motion completed."

With the new development, Cenzon